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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

This is a Request For continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	10/032,872
Filing Date	December 26, 2001
First Named Inventor	Dennis Boyd
Group Art Unit	3677
Examiner Name	HO, Thomas Y.
Attorney Docket Number	26422/20650 (now 76900-004)

1. **(Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114)** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instruct otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendments(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if the box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time
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2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Check in the amount of \$885.00 is enclosed (this amount includes 3 month extension of time fee of \$490.00)
- i. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- ii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 08-3460.
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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